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Doeberitz Airfield

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1. On 7 November 1953, no aircraft were observed on the landing field of Doeberitz airfield, the hangars were closed and no soldiers were seen. Source had the impression that the field was unoccupied. There was an AA gun emplacement near the hangars. Two gun barrels were seen.
2. About 4:30 p.m. on 14 November, 10 rail cars carrying 2 searchlights, 8 trucks _____ 8 generators, and several jeeps, were observed on the spur track at the field.
3. Between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on 15 November, unloading operations were observed at the loading ramp at the field. Nine boxcars, 19 converted boxcars and 2 flatcars with sideracks were seen there. _____ was identified next to one of the flatcars. On the loading ramp at Heer Strasse, 120 to 140 air force soldiers, carrying baggage and small arms, and about 10 officers were seen. Several trucks which were being loaded with billeting equipment stood near the ramp. Three soldiers with black-bordered blue epaulets, under the supervision of a captain, were seen unloading weapons, which had a length of about 3 meters, from a boxcar. The soldiers who were clean and tidy showed good discipline.
4. On 15 and 22 November, no aircraft or activity was observed at the field. No AA guns were identified.
5. On 22 November, large quantities of billeting equipment were seen in the area of the air force barracks installations. Truck _____ was identified.
6. On 16 November, source determined from the Hamburger Chaussee that the air force barracks installations at the field were occupied. The sentries and soldiers seen there wore air force epaulets. On 16 and 17 November, activities observed mainly included cleaning and fitting work but groups of about 15 men each also conducted basic training. Source learned from an acquaintance that unloading operations had been going on at the loading ramp at Hamburger Chaussee on 15 November. _____

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7. About 6:20 p.m. on 20 November, a train of about 23 boxcars with troops and billeting equipment was seen at the spur track at the field along highway No 103. Unloading operations were under way. A detail of about 55 men with black-bordered blue epaulets marched from the train to the Richthofen Kaserne across Hamburger Chaussee. At night the air force barracks installations were lighted as follows: Richthofen Kaserne about 80 percent, NSKK Kaserne about 75 percent, the barracks installation of the former Kraftfahrzeug-Lehrabteilung (driving school) about 75 percent, and building No 57 almost 100 percent.

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Comment. After the transfer of the ground attack regiment from Doeberitz to Brandenburg-Eriest in May 1953, no flying unit has been stationed at the field. The major parts of the barracks installations north of the airfield were unoccupied. With the shipments recorded in the present report, the air technical school of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army transferred from Strausberg to Doeberitz. For detailed information on the quartering buildings, [redacted] [redacted]

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